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PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE

June 24, 2019

TO: INTERESTED PARTIES
FROM: EXECUTIVE OFFICER / APCO
SUBJECT: **PUBLIC WORKSHOP – DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO
REGULATION 5: OPEN BURNING AND REGULATION 6:
PARTICULATE MATTER AND VISIBLE EMISSIONS,
RULE 3: WOOD BURNING DEVICES**

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) will conduct a public workshop on **Wednesday, July 24, 2019, starting at 4:00 PM**, to discuss draft amendments to Regulation 5: Open Burning (Reg 5) and Regulation 6: Particulate Matter and Visible Emissions, Rule 3: Wood Burning Devices (Rule 6-3). The workshop will be held in the 1st floor Yerba Buena Conference Room at the Air District's office located at 375 Beale Street in San Francisco and will be simultaneously webcast.

These draft rule amendment efforts are part of the Air District's *Wildfire Air Quality Response Program* intended to prepare, prevent, and respond to future wildfires and ensure health-protective measures and strategies are in place.

The draft amendments to Reg 5 complement statewide efforts to prevent catastrophic wildfires through prescribed burning. The draft amendments would exempt public agencies from incurring Open Burning Fees when conducting prescribed burns for the purpose of wildfire prevention.

The draft amendments to Rule 6-3 aim to further protect public health when wildfire smoke affects air quality in the Bay Area. The draft amendments would allow the Air District to announce a Spare the Air Alert year-round to notify the public when particulate matter is expected to exceed unhealthy levels.

VISIT THE AIR DISTRICT'S WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Workshop Report and draft rule language for Reg 5 and Rule 6-3 will be posted on the Air District's website at www.baaqmd.gov/ruledev.

Interested parties are invited to submit comments on the amendments or the Workshop Report. For questions or comments on the rule development, please contact Patrick Wenzinger, Supervising Air Quality Specialist, at (415) 749-4934, or via email at wildfireprogram@baaqmd.gov. The deadline for comments on the proposed amendments is Monday, August 12, 2019.

Map of Workshop Location and Public Transit Options

Attendees are encouraged to use public transit, rideshare, bicycle, walk or use other non-motorized transportation modes to and from the workshops.

Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

